

## Dates to Remember:

### All schools

- July 28, 2014-ISTEP + rescore data in INORS
- July 31, 2014-ISTEP+ data spreadsheet for corporations and schools
- July 31, 2014- ISTEP+ data in COMPASS and the Learning Connection
- Aug. 6- Secondary Principals Roundtable- WVEC
- Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>- Heather Baker- Elementary Math Standards PD- WVEC
- TBD- Data Digs- Ann P-H- WVEC

## Welcome Back!

Can you believe that Summer is almost over? Time has flown by and here we are again at the start of a new school year. The beginning of the school year is my favorite time of year. It is a time for new beginnings, fresh starts, and new opportunities.

What will you embrace this new school year? Will you start a new PD focus for your schools, will you take on a personal professional goal, or do you have what Eric Jensen calls “**Gaudy Goals**” that you will begin working towards? The possibilities are endless. Whatever you choose keep in mind the 3 R’s: relationships, rigor, and relevance.

This school year, one of my goals is to help to build the capacity of our amazing leaders in Region 5 (**THAT’s YOU** ☺). I am working closely with Tami Hicks at **Wabash Valley ESC** to offer PD that is focused on our leaders. We will be creating some “train the trainer” models on a variety of different topics. I hope that you find sessions that will fit into your schedule so that you can join other outstanding leaders in our region and network with them. I will be sending out emails notifying you of each PD so that you can be sure to sign-up for those that you are interested in attending.

I hope that you have a fantastic start to your school year. Remember that I am here to help in any way that I can. I look forward to working with you again this school year! **(Follow me on Twitter @McKinleyDianne)**

Sincerely,  
Dianne McKinley



If you are not already receiving **Eric Jensen’s newsletters**, be sure to sign up today! Go to <http://www.jlcbrain.com/> and receive the “Top 10 Brain-Based Teaching Strategies” for free in addition to his monthly newsletters and research based strategies.

## **ELA Standards Resources Available**

[Standards](#)

[Correlation Guides](#)

[ISTEP+ window](#)

[English/Language Arts grades 3-8 ISTEP+ 2014-15 Blueprint](#)

[Educators Toolkit for Indiana's K-12 Reading Selections](#)

### ***Resources in Development***

Assessment Blueprint for English 10 ECA

Differentiated Resources

Lesson Plan Alignment tool

Lexile Level Information

Model Content Frameworks

Writing Rubrics and Exemplar Writing Samples

## **Math Standards Resources Available**

[Standards](#)

[Correlation Guides](#)

[Resource Guide](#)

[Vertical Articulation](#)

[ISTEP+ window](#)

[Math grades 3 - 8 2014-2015 ISTEP+ Blueprints](#)

### ***Resources in Development***

Assessment Blueprint for Algebra I ECA

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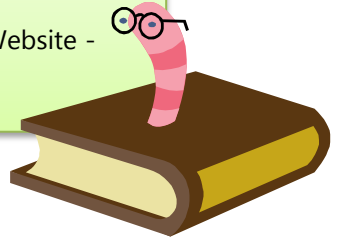
Also – please be sure to look into [The Online Communities of Practice](#). This is a great place for teachers to connect with one another and share ideas and resources.

## Books on Brain-based Teaching

### Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind

By: Eric Jensen

Whole Brain Teaching for Challenging Kids by Chris Biffle. Register at the Whole Brain Website - [www.wholebrainteaching.com](http://www.wholebrainteaching.com)



## Acuity Update

The Outreach Coordinators recently had a Q&A with Elizabeth Andrews about Acuity. Here are the answers to some questions that you may have:

Will 3-8 Predictive still be available for Science and Social Studies (B & C window)? **Yes, this will still be available.**  
Will 3-8 Diagnostic (or new name) for Math and ELA be available? **A new test aligned to the new standards will be available for ELA/Math.**

Algebra 1 and English 10- Will predictive Acuity still available? Will last year's ECA still be given for graduation purposes, will a second segment be given in addition for accountability purposes? **Acuity Alg. I and Eng. 10 Predictive will still be available. How the new piece will be implemented, has not yet been determined.**

For those Junior High students taking Algebra 1 this year, will they have a test to take for graduation again their sophomore year for accountability? Will current sophomores who have previously passed the ECA in junior high or as a freshman need to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> portion for school accountability this year? **This information has not yet been shared, stay tuned.**

## Resources

**2014 Power Standards (AKA Rainbow Sheet)- Attached to the email**

**Team building activities-** <http://www.teachhub.com/quick-guide-teacher-team-building>

**10 Education Blogs Worth Following-** <http://www.eschoolnews.com/2012/04/06/ten-education-blogs-worth-following/>

**Brain-based Teaching Article-** [norwalk.dailyvoice.com/schools/norwalk-schools-implement-brain-based-teaching-tools](http://norwalk.dailyvoice.com/schools/norwalk-schools-implement-brain-based-teaching-tools)

<http://www.doe.in.gov/outreach> - **Outreach Website**- we are very excited to announce that we will be releasing a newly revised webpage soon that will meet a variety of needs.



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